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The 2023 Vintage
A Vintage to Remember

The 2023 vintage on the west Sonoma Coast is one of the best we have experienced since founding RAEN.

The growing season began with heavy winter rainfall, cleansing the thirsty forests, rivers, and meadows, nourishing our vines and all the microflora, fauna, and nature surrounding them. A cool, breezy spring gave way to a beautiful, mild summer. As harvest approached, coastal fog engulfed the grapes, sunlight shone softly above, and with each day, slowly and evenly, the grapes approached ripeness. As we began harvest without rush, the beautiful aromatics from each of our sites slowly began to fill the cellar air. The cool 2023 growing season on the Coast has imparted its mark of near perfection for what we love in wine - lifted aromatics, elegance, and depth that reflect the incredibly biodiverse sites where our vines are rooted.

Enjoyable now, this vintage is one we can't wait to tuck away in the cellar and watch evolve for many more decades to come.

2023 Royal St. Robert, Sonoma Coast

Varietal	PINOT NOIR
Vineyards	15.8 ACRES
Farming	ORGANIC & REGENERATIVE PRACTICES
Soils	GOLD RIDGE
Clones	CALERA, SWAN, 667, 115, 777
Fermentation	100% WHOLE CLUSTER & NATIVE
Alc %	13%
Winemaker	MELANIE MCINTYRE
Proprietors / Winegrowers	CARLO & DANTE MONDAVI

Our Royal St. Robert bottling is dedicated to our grandfather Robert, who has been our greatest philosophical teacher on our journey in wine. This special cuvée is a selection from our coastal vineyards, giving a window into the rugged hills of the westerly Sonoma Coast. The 2023 vintage leads with captivating aromas of crushed wild berries, black cherries, rose petals, and coastal moss. Continued floral notes, black tea, and bergamot follow, giving way to coastal fern and forest floor. The powerful red and black fruit core is delicately interlaced with the notes of flowers and tea and coupled with exotic spice box, are all seamlessly woven together in a persistently long and everlasting finish.